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EDITORIAL.

It is a wrong idea to think that the obligation to quit the world applies only to cloisters and monasteries. What St. Paul has said, namely, "That we are dead and buried with Jesus Christ" (Rom. VI. 3-4) being a condition of our baptism, includes equally all the faithful, and imposes upon them an indispensable necessity of breaking all commerce with the world. In fact, the bonds which attach us to the world being formed in us by birth the logical thing to break them is death. The dead have ended their earthly existence; they have no further part in human Society. If then we be dead in Jesus Christ by holy baptism we have consequently renounced the world.

The great apostle St. Paul profoundly explained to us just what this spiritual death is when he spoke in these terms, "The world is crucified to me and I am crucified to the world." Gal. VI.:14. The learned and eloquent St. John Chrysostom makes a beautiful reflection on these words. "It is not enough," says he, "for the Apostle that the Christian be dead to the world, but he yet adds the world must also be dead to the Christian to make us understand that the commerce is broken from both sides and that there is no more connection. For continues this learned interpreter, the Apostle considers that the living not only have sentiments for each other, but that there remains in them some affection for the dead. They keep the memory of them; they render them some honor be it only that of burial. That is why the Apostle St. Paul having undertaken to show us to what extremity the believer should disengage himself from the love of the world says: "It is not enough that the bond should be severed between the world and the Christian as it is between the living and the dead for the living often have some affection for the dead which makes them long for them even when they are in the tomb. It needs a greater rupture in order that there remain no alliance. Such as one dead person is to another dead person, so must be the world and the Christian."

"The world is crucified to me and I to the world." Where does this thought lead us, Christians. I must give you in a few words a closer view.

That which makes us alive to the world is the desire for the world, that which makes the world alive to us is a certain lustre which charms us in the things of the world. Death extinguishes desires. Death tarnishes the lustre of everything. Thus St. Paul saith, "I am dead to the world; I have no longer any desire for it; the world is dead to me. It no longer has any lustre for my eyes. As one sees in the most beautiful body in the world, that as soon as the soul has withdrawn although the features are almost the same yet the flower of beauty is gone, the graceful charm is vanished, even so the world is dead for the Christian. It has no more allurements for him nor charms which touch his heart. Such is the spiritual death which separates the world and the Christian. Such is the obligation of baptism.—Bossuet, Paris, 1660.

The death spoken of above does not come, as we believe, through water baptism, but through the baptism with the Holy Ghost. It would be worth while, however, for us to examine ourselves and see if we are really dead with Christ.

We have received some anonymous letters of late, and would like to say that people writing to the Editor commands his confidence. We will not publish articles, to which those writing them will not affix their signature. We will receive kindly any constructive criticism, for we are trying to improve and build up in the Lord. We stand for all that is holy and good, for we have been called with a high calling, and the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT.

The quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at Wood Island March 25-28.

Thursday evening, Brother C. S. Hilyard brought a message from Matt. 26-29, "And He went a little farther." A great lesson on prayer, it was enjoyed by all present.

Friday evening Brother Stillman Mullen preached from Romans 8-6 and 7. A good sermon on inbred sin and the cure.

Saturday morning was set apart as a prayer service. Those who gathered were refreshed and strengthened for the battle.

Rev. H. C. Mullen led this service.

Saturday 2.30 p. m. the business meeting opened with scripture reading by Licentiate S. A. Mullen, followed by a season of prayer.

Roll Call found the following pastors and delegates present.

Pastors—Rev. H. C. Mullen, Lic. S. A. Mullen and Lic. F. A. Watson.

Rev. C. S. Hilyard was granted a seat in the meeting.

Delegates from Churches were as follows:

Seal Cove—Brother Jack Wilson, Mrs. Emery Forsythe.

Wood Island—Eugene Wilcox, Chester Green.

Beals—C. H. Beal, John E. Beal and William Bruce.

Quite a number from Beals made the trip down by water.

Election of Officers:

President—Lic. S. A. Mullen.

Vice-President—Rev. Leslie Sears.

Secretary—Lic. F. A. Watson.

Highway Agent—Rev. C. S. Hilyard.

Devotional Committee—Rev. H. C. Mullen, John E. Beal and Henry Benson.

Devotional Committee report read and adopted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Wood Island Church for their hospitality.

It was decided that we meet at Beals, Maine, for next quarterly meeting.

Reports from Churches:

Calais—Enjoying the blessing of the Lord upon us during the past quarter.

Three have been at the altar for pardon and one for sanctification. Two sisters united with the church and one has requested the right hand of fellowship.

Sunday services are well attended. Prayer meetings are seasons of great blessing. Sunday school increasing in numbers. Praying for a revival. Expect to stand by the cause of holiness.

Beals sends greetings in Jesus' name. We are glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus.

Brother Watson has been with us during the past year, and is faithful in bringing the gospel message. The Lord is blessing his labors with us. Services well attended with unusually large crowds Sunday evenings. One member added to the church. Interest in Sunday School increasing.

The pastor has recently organized a young men's Bible Class.

Wood Island—Since our last quarterly meeting we feel that God's blessing has been upon us.

Although we have not seen much accomplished in the line of souls being saved, yet we feel that the Church has been refreshed and brought nearer to God. We are looking to Him for victory.

Two or three have been reclaimed and sanctified.

North Head—Since last report we have had revival services. On Jan. 20th Dr. Post came to assist our pastor; he remained over Sunday, Feb. 7th.

Through the meetings a number came to the altar, some for pardon and some for sanctification, the majority though let the grand opportunity go by, and rejected the spirit that was surely working.

Different branches of work going on quite regularly.

Brother Archer has been sick, was unable to preach last Sunday. We are trusting the Lord to restore him.

Seal Cove—Brother Jack Wilson reported verbally.

Rev. W. E. Smith assist the pastor in special meetings. Many were strengthened. A few were definitely helped.

Faithful preaching from pastor, Rev. H. C. Mullen.

Sunday School interest good.

Saturday evening 7.30, preaching by Lic. F. A. Watson. Text, Luke 16-5, "How much owest thou my Lord."

A time of blessing, conviction on the meeting.

Sunday morning Lic. S. A. Mullen preached from Rev. 2:2, 3, 4 and 5, a very heart searching sermon.

Brother Mullen preached in his usual